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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

NE/S McDonogh Road at its intersection

w/NE/S Woods Road * DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

(8600 McDonogh Road)

2nd Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

3rd Councilmanic District

* Case No. 95-424-A

McDonogh School, Inc.

Petitioner

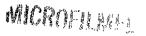
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line restrictions and would not affect the property's use, per se. The Court envisioned the impact of area variances on the surrounding locale to be less than that generated by use variances, and thus, the lesser practical difficulty standard applies. The prongs of that standard which must be satisfied by the Petition, as enunciated in Anderson, supra, are as follows:

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- 2) whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to applicant as well as to other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners; and
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson, p. 39. See also McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) at pps. 214-215.

before me that the Applicants have in fact proven the practical difficulty standards as set forth above and that the variance requested should be granted. I further find that the granting of this variance is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. and that the granting of this relief is accomplished without injury to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertising, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the variance requested should be granted.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 12 day of July, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 504.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit a building length of 370 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 200 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby CRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

July 12, 1995

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

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NE/S McDonogh Road at its intersection w/NE/S Woods Road

(8600 McDonogh Road)

2nd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

McDonogh School, Inc. - Petitioner

Case No. 95-424-A

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

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cc: Mr. Lawrence Johnston, Business Mgr. and Vice Pres., McDonogh School, 10075 Red Run Blvd., Suite 505, Owings Mills, Md. 21117-6128

Ms. Jean Tansey and Mr. Bob Green, Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21286

People's Counsel

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Petition for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117

which is presently zoned	DR1
pment Management.	

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

504.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies to permit a building length of 370 ft. in lieu of the 300 ft. allowed.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

To be determined at hearing

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

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	tWe do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that twe are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition
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(Type or Print Name)	McDonogh School, Inc.
Signeture	By: Lawrence Johnston, Business Manager/V.P.
AJCres:	(Type or Print Name)
Cry State Zipcode	Signature
Attorney for Petitioner,	10075 Red Run Boulevard
Robert A. Hoffman	Suite 505 581-4712
(Tys or Pant Name)	Address Phone No
	Owings Mills, Maryland 21117-6128
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Description to Accompany Petition for Zoning Variance

6.494 Acre Parcel

Southwest and Northeast Sides of Woods Road North of McDonogh Road

Second Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland



Daft MCune Walker, Inc.

200 East Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21286 410 296 3333 Fax 296 4705

A Team of Land Planners,

Landscape Architects,

Engineers, Surveyors &

Environmental Professionals

Beginning for the same in Woods Road at the point situate 1855 feet, more or less, as measured northeasterly along said centerline from its intersection with the centerline of McDonogh Road, thence leaving said point of beginning and running the six following courses and distances, viz: (1) South 13 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 45.00 feet, thence (2) North 76 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 370.00 feet, thence (3) North 13 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds East 557.00 feet, thence (4) South 76 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 520.00 feet, thence (5) South 13 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 512.00 feet, and thence (6) North 76 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 150.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing 6.494 acres of land, more or less.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

May 18, 1995

Project No. 82013.Q4 (L82013Q4)



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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204, or Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Weshington Avenue; Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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In Woods Road, 1855' NE
of McDonogh Road
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3rd Councilmanic
Legal Owner(s):
McDonogh School, Inc.
Hearing: Friday,
June 23, 1995 at 9:00
am/in Rm.106, County Office Building.

Variance to permit a building length of 370 feet in lieu of the 300 feet allowed.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

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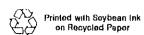
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Arnold Jablon Director

cc: McDonogh School, Inc.
Robert A. Hoffman, Esq.

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June 15, 1995

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 416

Case No.: 95-424-A

Petitioner: McDonogh School, Inc.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on May 18, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

T0:

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director

June 6, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

J. Lawrence Pilson XP
Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT:

Zoning Item #416 - McDonogh School

8600 McDonogh Road

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 30, 1995

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Environmental Impact Review

Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains.

JLP:BK:sp

MCDONOGH/DEPRM/TXTSBP

Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 05/31/95

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: MCDONOGH SCHOOL, INC.

LOCATION: IN WOODS RD. 1855' NE FROM MCDONOGH RD. (MCDONOGH SCHOOL)

Item No.: 416 Zoning Agenda: VARIANCE

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

- 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.
- 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.



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REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: June 7, 1995

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 412, (416) and 418

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

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Prepared by:

Division Chief:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: June 5, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Nevelopers Engineering Section

RE: Zo

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for June 5, 1995 | Ttems 413, 414, 415, 416 417, 418 and 419 5

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have no comments.

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Ms. Joyce Watson Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re:

Baltimore County
Item No.: 416 (JCC)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

Division

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

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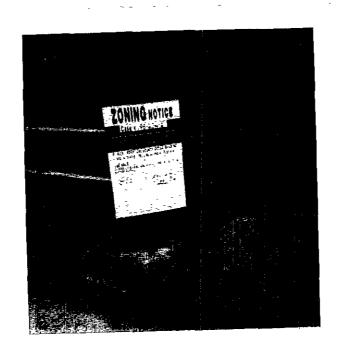
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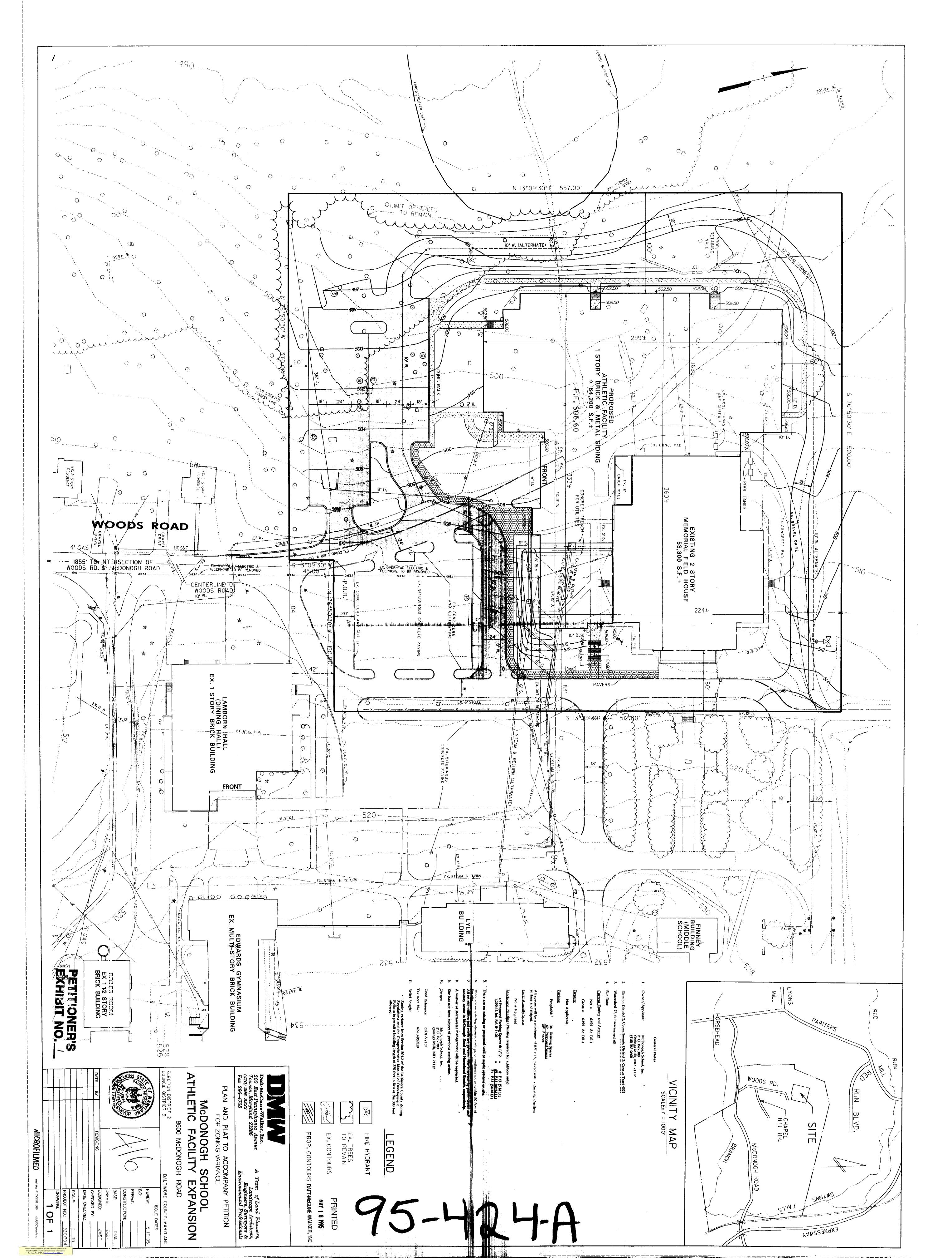
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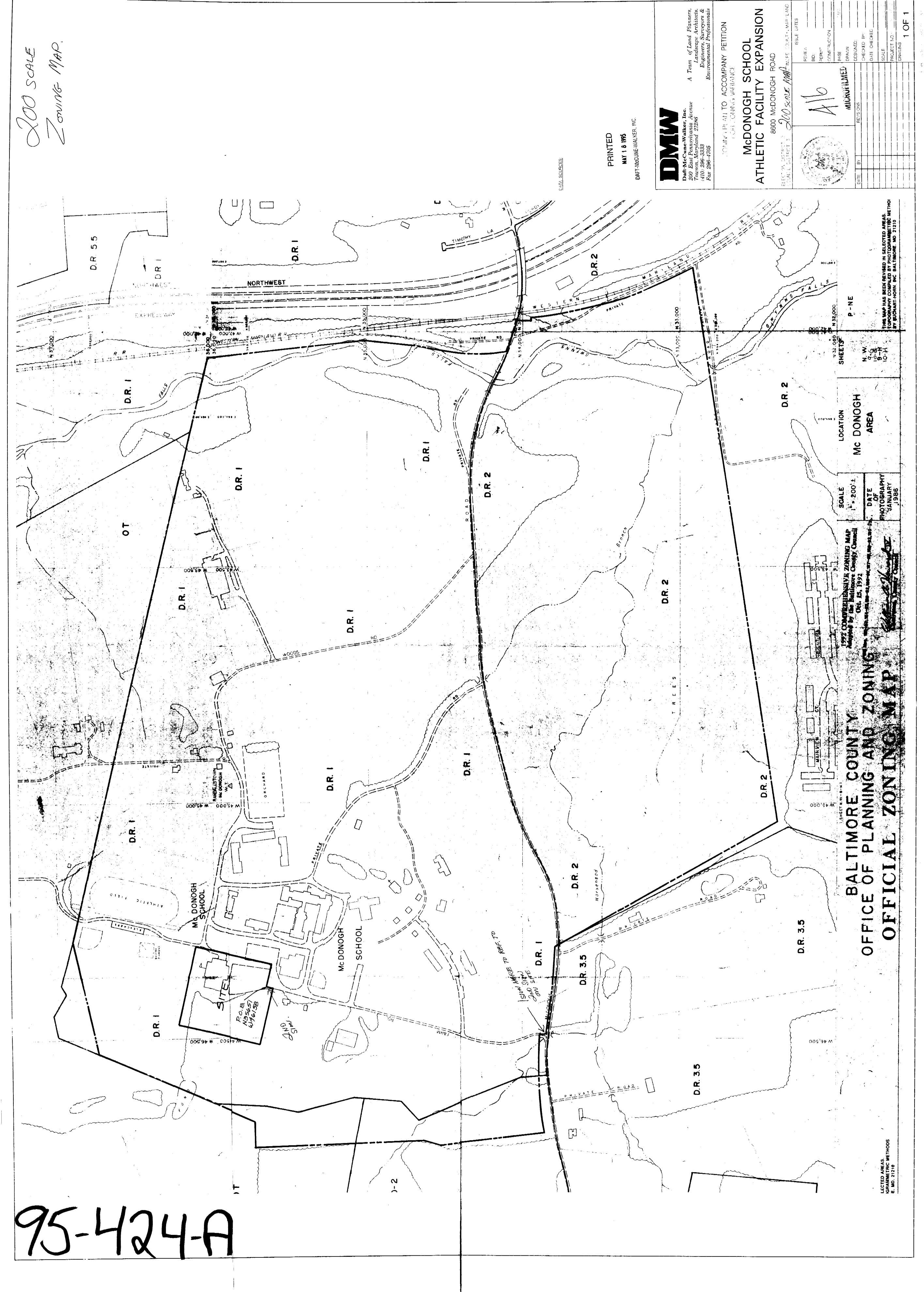
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The distinction between these standards was clarified by the Court of Special Appeals in Anderson v. Board of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28, 322 A.2d 220 (1974). Within that opinion, the Court held that the undue hardship standard applies to a petition for a use variance. The Court noted that a use variance, which permits a use on the property other than that specifically permitted in that particular district, requires the imposition of a higher standard. That is, to allow the change of use for a particular property requires the Petitioner to demonstrate real hardship, where the land cannot allow a reasonable return if used only in accordance with the use restrictions of the ordinance.

Compared with this heavy burden, the Court reviewed the practical difficulty standard applicable for area variances. The Court characterized area variances as having a much less drastic effect than use variances, in that they seek relief only from height, area, setback, or side property

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line restrictions and would not affect the property's use, per se. The Court envisioned the impact of area variances on the surrounding locale to be less than that generated by use variances, and thus, the lesser practical difficulty standard applies. The prongs of that standard which must be satisfied by the Petition, as enunciated in Anderson, supra, are as

follows:

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1) whether compliance with the strict letter of restrictions governing area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk or density would unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose or would render conformity with such restrictions unnecessarily burdensome;

whether a grant of the variance applied for would do substantial justice to applicant as well as to other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners; and

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson, p. 39. See also McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973) at pps. 214-215.

I find from the testimony and evidence presented at the hearing before me that the Applicants have in fact proven the practical difficulty standards as set forth above and that the variance requested should be granted. I further find that the granting of this variance is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R. and that the granting of this relief is accomplished without injury to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Pursuant to the advertising, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the variance requested should be granted.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 12th day of July, 1995 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 504.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) and the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies (C.M.D.P.) to permit a building length of 370 feet in lieu of the maximum permitted 200 feet, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

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Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

July 12, 1995

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire

Case No. 95-424-A

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(410) 887-4386

Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE NE/S McDonogh Road at its intersection w/NE/S Woods Road (8600 McDonogh Road) 2nd Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District

McDonogh School, Inc. - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Permits and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

cc: Mr. Lawrence Johnston, Business Mgr. and Vice Pres., McDonogh School, 10075 Red Run Blvd., Suite 505, Owings Mills, Md. 21117-6128

Ms. Jean Tansey and Mr. Bob Green, Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. 200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, Md. 21286

People's Counsel

Petition for Variance
to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117 which is presently zoned DRI

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legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management, The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Raltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 504.2 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations and the Comprehensive Manual of Development Policies to permit a building length of 370 ft. in lieu of the 300 ft. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or

To be determined at hearing

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

	Legal Owner(s)
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Signature	By: Lawrence Johnston, Business Manager,
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Robert A. Hoffman	Suite 505 581-4712
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Beginning for the same in Woods Road at the point situate 1855 feet, more or less, as measured northeasterly along said centerline from its intersection with the centerline of McDonogh Road, thence leaving said point of beginning and running the six following courses and distances, viz: (1) South 13 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 45.00 feet, thence (2) North 76 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 370.00 feet, thence (3) North 13 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds East 557.00 feet, thence (4) South 76 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 520.00 feet, thence (5) South 13 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 512.00 feet, and thence (6) North 76 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds West 150.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing 6.494 acres of land, more or less.

Description to Accompany Petition for Zoning Variance

6.494 Acre Parcel

Southwest and Northeast Sides of Woods Road

North of McDonogh Road

Second Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE. May 18, 1995

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(Item 416)
in Woods Road, 1855' NE
of McDonogh Road
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3rd Councilmanic
Legal Owner(s):
McDonogh School, Inc.
Hearing: Friday,
June 23, 1995 at 9:00
a.m. in Rm. 106, County Office Building.

Variance to permit a building length of 370 feet in lieu of the 300 feet allowed. LAWRENCE E. SCHMID

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of__

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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cc: McDonogh School, Inc. Robert A. Hoffman, Esq.

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Please Make Checks Payable To: Baltimore County

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Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire

Venable, Baetjer & Howard 210 Allegheny Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 416 Case No.: 95-424-A Petitioner: McDonogh School, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on May 18, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

> Sincerely Recently. W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

Attachment(s)

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR _____ For newspaper advertising: Petitioner: McDonode School, Inc. Location: Me Donog Pood, Oving lills 21117 PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: NAME: Barbara W. Ormond, Legal Assistant
ADDRESS: Venable, Butjer + Howard ZIO Allegreny Avenue Towson ud 21204 PHONE NUMBER: 410-494-6200

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

June 6, 1995

J. Lawrence Pilson Development Coordinator, DEPRM

SUBJECT: Zoning Item #416 - McDonogh School 8600 McDonogh Road Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting of May 30, 1995

The Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management offers the following comments on the above-referenced zoning item.

Environmental Impact Review

Development of the property must comply with the Regulations for the Protection of Water Quality, Streams, Wetlands and Floodplains.

JLP:BK:sp

MCDONOGH/DEPRM/TXTSBP

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 05/31/95

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: MCDONOGH SCHOOL, INC.

LOCATION: IN WOODS RD. 1855' NE FROM MCDONOGH RD. (MCDONOGH SCHOOL)

Item No.: 416

Zoning Agenda: VARIANCE

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.



REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: June 7, 1995

Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Item Nos. 412, 416 and 418

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

ITEM418/PZONE/ZAC1

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: June 5, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Revelopers Engineering Section Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for June 5, 1995

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item and we have no comments.

Items 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418 and 419

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Administrator . . 5-26-95

Ms. Joyce Watson Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours, Engineering Access Permits

Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: 416 (JCC)

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE in Woods Road, 1855' NE of McDonogh Road 2nd Election District, 3rd Councilmanic * McDonogh School, Inc.

Petitioners

BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 95-424-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

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CAROLE S. DEMILIO Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

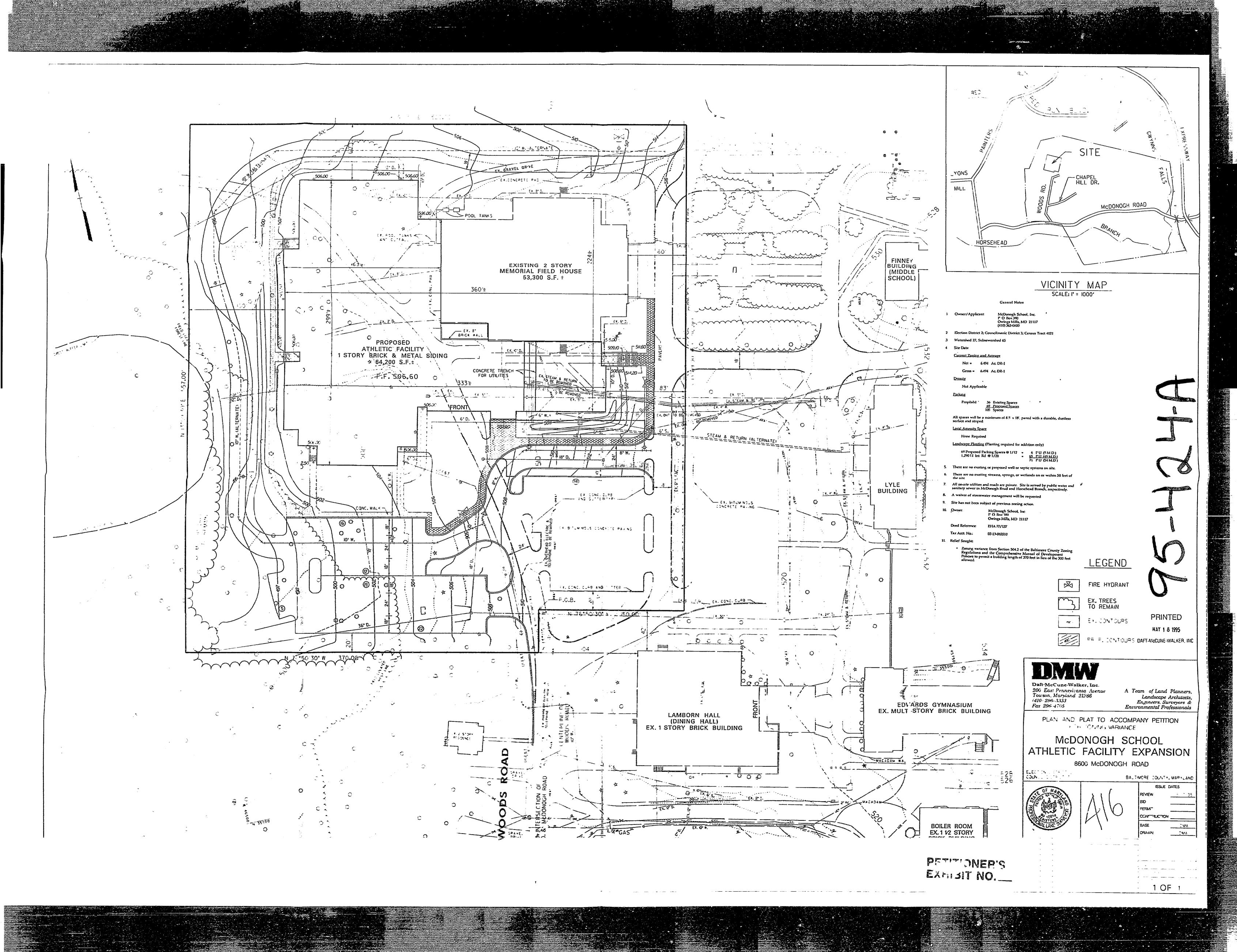
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 134 day of June, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to Robert A. Hoffman, Esquire, Venable, Baetjer & Howard, 210 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioner.

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